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Barrier-free toll

from June on Mysuru-B'luru Highway

▶ No more stopping to pay toll ▶ Long queues at toll plazas set to ease

A blueprint of Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system.

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (AG&BCT)- In a bid to ensure smoother traffic flow on the access-controlled Mysuru-Bengaluru National Highway-275 and to ease congestion at the existing toll plazas, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has begun implementing a Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system.

The implementation process has commenced, and the project is expected to be completed by June this year, NHAI Project Director Milind Wabale told *Star of Mysore*.

Thousands of vehicles use the highway every day and during weekends and long holidays, traffic congestion often stretches for over two kilometres at the three toll plazas along the stretch.

Under the MLFF system, traditional toll booths will be replaced with overhead gantries equipped with satellite-based GPS technology, high-performance RFID FASTag readers and Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras.

Barrier-free toll collection system

The new system will automatically identify vehicles and deduct toll charges at high speeds without requiring vehicles to stop, thereby eliminating long queues at toll plazas.

"The system proposed for the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway is based on the MLFF tolling model successfully implemented at the Choryasi Fee Plaza on NH-48 in Gujarat. It is a barrier-free toll collection system where transactions are carried out through FASTag reading and vehicle registration number identification using high-performance RFID readers and ANPR cameras. Vehicles will no longer need to stop at toll plazas," Wabale said.

At present, toll plazas are located at Gananguru in Srirangapatna taluk (Mysuru entry) of Mandya district in the Nidaghatta-Mysuru section, Seshagirihalli in Bengaluru South taluk (near the Bengaluru entry point) in the Bengaluru-Nidaghatta section and at Kaniminike near Bidadi.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 30th January 2026

Wins first prize in State-level Extempore Speech Contest

T. Satish Javaregowda (extreme right) receiving 1st prize from dignitaries.

Mysuru, Jan. 30- In the State-level co-curricular activities competitions for primary school teachers for the academic year 2025-26, organised by the Karnataka State Teachers' Welfare Fund and the Department of School Education and Literacy, T. Satish Javaregowda, a teacher and litterateur from the Government Higher Primary School, Mellahalli, Mysuru taluk, won the first prize in the Extempore Speech.

A dynamic teacher, an effective orator and a creative poet, Satish Javaregowda has been selected to the State-level five times consecutively from Mysuru district.

In the previous year's State-level extempore speech competition held at Shivamogga, he had secured the third prize.

He received the first prize comprising a cash award of Rs. 5,000 and a certificate of merit from dignitaries. Block Education Officers M. Prakash and Krishna, District Akshara Dasoha Officer Shobha, High School Head Masters G. Venkatachala and Suresh, Lecturer Shashidhar, Nanjangud taluk BRC Nagesh, Subject Inspector Chandrashekar and others have congratulated him.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

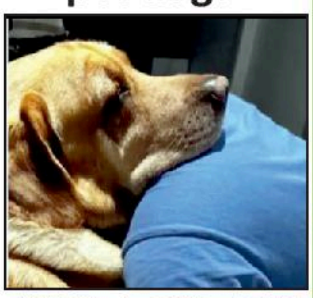
MURUGA SAVE SHISBHAKTAS: ***A vehicle travelling towards a destination can be delayed for any number of reasons. But there is one*** *vahana,* ***which always arrives on time. That ever-punctual*** *vahana* ***is the black buffalo which serves as Yama's mount, said So. So. Meenakshisundaram in a discourse. If Yama arrives to take a person's atma, then the atma is sure to go to Yama loka. Arunagirinatha prays to Lord Muruga to save him from this fate. If Muruga takes an atma, He escorts it to Siva loka. So Arunagirinatha prays that before Yama comes at the appointed hour, Lord Muruga should come on His peacock, to take charge of Arunagirinatha's soul. Once Muruga arrives, Yama will not dare approach His bhaktas.***

In *Kandar Anubhuti,* ***verse 10, Arunagirinatha refers to the asura Vala, who was the enemy of Indra. Vala had a boon from Lord Siva, because of which his body parts would turn to gems when he died. A fight broke out between Vala and Indra and Indra killed Vala. Indra had another enemy Soorapadman. When Sooran came in the form of a mango tree, Muruga threw His spear at him and the tree was split into two. One half turned into a rooster, which became Muruga's flag. The other half turned into a peacock, which became Muruga's mount.***

Even in recent times, we have seen how Muruga saved a noble soul. Kripanandavariar, the great Muruga bhakta, was travelling from Mumbai to Chennai by flight. From the plane he saw the Tiruttani hill. He said, "Muruga is always with His devotees." And those were his last words. When the time came for him to depart from this world, the Lord of Tiruttani gave darshan to him. His lifeless body returned to Chennai, while his atma was taken away by Muruga.— *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Rs. 15 lakh to relocate pet dog!



Sydney: A couple moving from Hyderabad to Australia spent nearly Rs. 15 lakh to make sure their beloved pet could travel with them and start a new life in Australia.

In the video, the couple — Divya and John — explained that they were preparing to move from Hyderabad to Australia when they first learned about the regulations.

Dogs cannot be taken directly from India to Australia and must spend six months in a rabies-free country, as per the country's rules. For the first month, the couple stayed with the dog named Sky in Dubai to help him adjust before leaving him in a boarding facility for the remaining period.

"Six months felt like forever. And then, finally, it was time. Sky came to us in Australia. All the waiting, the stress, the fear, and the sacrifices suddenly felt worth it." the couple said.

"River of Snow" flows through village

Dharamshala: An unsettling scene unfolded in Himachal Pradesh's Mindhal village, where heavy snowfall created a "river of snow" down a mountainside.

The natural phenomenon, triggered by built-up snow giving way, has left locals stunned and authorities on high alert amid harsh winter conditions.

Videos of the spectacle have gone viral, showing thick sheets of snow sliding rapidly downhill like a liquid stream due to sudden shifts during heavy precipitation.

Villagers in the area are using traditional whistles, which are customary warning signals for natural hazards in the region, to alert others nearby about the moving snow and urge them to move to safer spots.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Long-Term Function as the Measure of Success

The true success of GI surgery lies in long-term function, comfort, and quality of life, not just immediate recovery.

By Dr. Vasudev Pai H - Senior Consultant – Surgical Gastroenterology and HPB Surgery, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Lecture on 'Mysore Palace Paintings' tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (BS)- A special lecture on 'Mysore Palace Paintings' has been organised tomorrow (Jan. 31) at 11 am by the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, at its office premises at Dasara Exhibition grounds in the city.

Artist Dr. C.S. Anupama from Regional Institute of Education (RIE) will participate as a resource person and deliver the lecture.

Interested students, history enthusiasts and the general public may attend the lecture.

For details contact First Division Assistant S. Shashidhar on Mob: 73490-57976, stated a press release from the Deputy Director of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Department.

No Mobile Library till Feb. 5

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (BS)- The services of Kuvempu Mobile Library has been stopped till Feb. 5, following the non-completion of repair works of the vehicle.

Earlier, the Mobile Library service had been cancelled from Jan. 25 to 29, according to a press release from Deputy Director of City Central Library.

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

From Panchayat Office, one Officer went around to enquire their needs.

Officer: *Son, have you got a toilet in this house?*

Tejas: *Yes we have.*

Officer: *Have you got a well?*

Tejas: *Uncle, do not worry, you go to our toilet, there is a tap and a bucket!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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VOICE OF THE READER

No need of permanent divider on narrow road

Sir,

This is to bring to your attention a public-interest issue from Rajarajeshwarinagar, 1st Cross Road, near GBJ Hospital, Mysuru. This stretch had witnessed a few accidents in earlier years, including a fatal incident. In response, the authorities installed temporary barricades, after which no further accidents have been reported. Residents acknowledge that these barricades have been effective in addressing the safety concern.

However, there is now an ongoing work to install a permanent concrete road divider along this narrow residential and hospital-access road. This has caused concern among residents and regular commuters:

1. The road is already narrow and a permanent divider will significantly reduce usable road width; **2.** Ambulance and emergency vehicle access to GBJ Hospital may be affected; **3.** Existing roadside parking will worsen congestion and bottlenecks; **4.** Pedestrian movement and local access will be more difficult.

Residents are not opposing road safety measures. The concern is that a permanent divider appears unnecessary when the existing barricades have already solved the accident issue, while the divider would cause long-term inconvenience to hundreds of residents and hospital users.

In addition, there is public discussion regarding a proposed liquor establishment in the same vicinity, close to the hospital.

As per existing norms, liquor outlets are restricted within a prescribed distance from the hospitals. We are questioning whether the recent road modifications could have an indirect impact on distance calculations and compliance.

—Concerned Residents
Rajarajeshwarinagar
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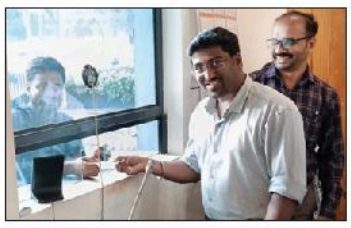
Digital payment facility at Mysuru Rail Museum



Mysuru, Jan. 30- Mysuru Rail Museum, a popular heritage attraction under South Western Railway (SWR) Mysuru Division, has introduced a digital QR-based payment facility for the convenience of visitors.

With effect from Jan. 29, tourists and visitors can make payments through digital modes such as UPI/QR code scanning for entry tickets and other permissible services at the Museum.

This initiative aims to provide a cashless, safe and hassle-free payment experience, especially benefiting tourists visiting from different parts of the country.

The introduction of digital payment aligns with Indian Railways' commitment towards Digital India, enhancing ease of access and improving visitor services at heritage and tourist locations.

Visitors may make use of the digital payment facility during their visit to the Mysuru Rail Museum, according to Pruthvi S. Hullatti, Divisional Finance Manager and Public Relations Officer, SWR Mysuru Division.

NCC Directorate Karnataka & Goa wins PM's Banner and Trophy at RDC-2026

Bengaluru, Jan. 30- The NCC Directorate Karnataka and Goa has created history by winning the prestigious Prime Minister's Banner and Trophy for the second consecutive year at the recently concluded Republic Day Camp-2026 (RDC-2026) held in New Delhi, emerging as the overall Champion Directorate among 17 NCC Directorates across the country.

During RDC-2026, cadets from the Karnataka and Goa Directorate delivered exceptional performances in drill, firing and cultural competitions, outperforming 16 other Directorates.

As per the Ministry of Defence, the Prime Minister's Banner and Trophy is awarded to the Directorate that demonstrates consistent all-round performance in a wide spectrum of NCC activities throughout the year.

Evaluation parameters include performance in centrally organised camps and competitions, standards of discipline, results in NCC certificate exams and the number of cadets selected for induction into Armed Forces.

The Karnataka and Goa Directorate continued its winning streak during the current training year by securing first position in several national-level events, including Inter-Directorate Shooting Championship, All India Vayu Sainik Camp, All India Nau Sainik Camp, Idea & Innovation competition and RDC-2026, reinforcing its dominance across all domains of NCC training.

The Prime Minister's Banner was formally received by the Deputy Director General, NCC Directorate Karnataka and Goa, Air Commodore S.B. Arunkumar, during the Prime Minister's Rally, marking the culmination of RDC-2026 at the Field Marshal Cariappa Parade Ground, New Delhi, on Jan. 28.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up works on converting single-phase towers to double-circuit (two-phase) towers and two-phase power lines at Hootagalli-Vajamangala-T.K. Halli (coming under Metagalli limits — Nanjundeshwara Power line), there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 2 pm in the following areas: RBI Road, GRS Fantasy Park and surrounding areas, Wipro Road, RBI Main Gate and surrounding areas.

Mass bhajan at Mudukutore

As part of Mudukutore Sri Mallikarjunaswamy Jatra Mahotsava, music teachers and students of Suttur School will perform mass Bhajan at Suttur Sri Nadamutt at Mudukutore at 6 pm on Jan. 31. Following the event, Prasada will be distributed to devotees.

Beautician course

The Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood department, Bengaluru, in association with C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing), Dharwad & District Industries Centre (DIC), has invited applications from eligible women for admission to 30-day Skill based Beautician course. The applicant women should have a minimum qualification of a pass in 10th standard and be within 35 years of age. Preference will be given for women from SC/ST and OBC communities. The course is free of cost. Applications can be obtained from DIC Office on Sayyaji Rao Road. For details, contact Mob: 63616-11136 or 77601-45784.

Exclusive portal for complaints

The Labour Department has launched an exclusive unified portal for addressing public grievances and other complaints regarding child labour. The members of the public can lodge complaints through this portal if they come across any child and minor labourers, according to a press release issued by the Assistant Labour Commissioner and Member Secretary of District Child Labour Eradication Society.

R-Day celebrated

The 77th Republic Day (R-Day) was celebrated at Kumbara Sarvajanika Vidyarthi Nilaya Trust in Kuvempunagar on Monday with the unfurling of the Tricolour by chief guest A.B. Ibrahim, former IAS officer, who had served as Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner. Trust President P. Ramanna, Secretary T. Raju, Chikkaswamy, M. Nagaraj, Satish, Rangashetty and others were present.

Echo of NCB raid on chemical factory in Hebbal

Industries asked to verify tenants, report suspicion

Industrialists must know what happens inside their units: City Police Commissioner

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (BLU&BCT)- In the wake of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) from New Delhi raiding a chemicals factory in the Hebbal Industrial Area, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar convened a meeting with industrialists and representatives of industrial management boards in Mysuru to curb illegal activities.

The NCB raid was conducted at 'Tuk-Tuk Household Chemicals Production Solution Manufacturing', a unit officially engaged in the manufacture of household cleaning products.

The meeting, chaired by the Police Commissioner, was held yesterday at a private hotel auditorium near Sankranthi Circle in Hebbal. More than 300 industrialists and representatives from industrial management boards of Hebbal, Metagalli, Hootagalli, Koorgalli and other industrial areas attended.

Addressing the gathering, Seema Latkar cautioned that no industry should allow space for illegal activities or be party to them. "We have not called you here, assuming that you have committed any mistakes. This is a warning to ensure that no illegal activity takes place," she clarified.

Look at activities

The Commissioner observed that earlier, residents and people living nearby were aware of who lived or worked in industrial units, what was being manufactured and what activities were taking place. "Today, there is hardly any information about who is around, what is being produced or what is happening inside many units," she said.

She expressed concern that many factory owners appear to adopt an attitude that, as long as the monthly rent and advance are paid, nothing else matters. Landlords, she noted, often have no information about their tenants, their background or the nature of manufacturing activities being carried out.

Identity verification

Emphasising accountability, Seema Latkar said that henceforth, every factory owner must submit complete details of tenants to the jurisdictional Police station. Cautioning that tenants may produce fake documents to secure rentals, she advised landlords to verify Aadhaar cards and other identity documents thoroughly.

Stressing that landlords carry a significant responsibility, she said they must remain aware of what is happening in and around their premises and immediately alert the Police if anything appears suspicious.

Police contact

She further directed that details of all workers employed in factories, especially those from outside the district or State, must be furnished to the Police. Factory owners were also advised to keep the contact number of their jurisdictional Police inspector readily available.

The Police Commissioner assured that Police teams would respond immediately if information regarding illegal or suspicious activities is shared. She also underlined the need for industries to obtain all mandatory departmental clearances and a No Objection Certificate (NOC).

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner of Police K.S. Sundar Raj, Assistant Commissioner of Police Ravi Prasad, Hebbal Industrial Area President Prakash, Mysuru Industrialists' Association General Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain, Mysuru Small Industries Association President A.S. Satish, District Industries Centre Joint Director Dinesh, KSPCB, Mysuru Officer Kumar and Factories and Boilers Officer Mahadev.

Landlords liable if tenants indulge in illegal acts: DCP

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (BLU&BCT)- Addressing industrialists, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj advised landlords to remain constantly vigilant, warning that if tenants are found involved in illegal activities, property owners could land in serious trouble.

He cautioned against renting premises solely for higher rents, noting that landlords could face legal difficulties if their tenants are later arrested for unlawful acts.

Emphasising due diligence, the DCP said landlords must collect Aadhaar cards, permanent addresses and other supporting documents from tenants before leasing out their properties.

Sundar Raj also stressed that factory owners must furnish details of workers from North India to their respective Police stations.

Such workers, he said, often do not stay in one place and frequently change workplaces. Maintaining proper records would help the police trace and apprehend them quickly in the event of any criminal activity.

Obituary

Manjula

Mysuru, Jan. 30- Manjula (63), wife of late M.P. Sriram, former Secretary of Sri Durgadevi Seva Samithi and a resident of Gandhinagar, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind children Sumithra, Shilpa and Pramod, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Adijambhava Burial Grounds at Gandhinagar this afternoon.

J.S. Puttasomaradhya

J.S. Puttasomaradhya (85), retired teacher and a resident of Ramanuja Road 5th Cross, near Agrahara, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Suvarnalatha, daughter Vanalakshmi, son-in-law Prasanna Aradhya and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon, according to family sources.

S. Ramesh

S. Ramesh (59), a resident of Ashokapuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Mamatha, son Aloka, daughter Anusha, brother City Congress General Secretary Revanna and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the burial grounds on Akkamahadevi Road, near Sterling Theatre this noon, according to family sources.

Groom on way to wedding stabbed

Raveesh

Kollegal, Jan. 30 (KS)- A groom, who was on his way for his wedding, has been admitted to a hospital after he was stabbed.

The incident took place in the town yesterday night and the injured groom, who is undergoing treatment at Kollegal Government Hospital is 34-year-old L. Raveesh, a resident of Kunagalli village in the taluk. It is suspected that the bride's former boyfriend may have stabbed Raveesh.

Details: It is learnt that Raveesh's marriage was fixed with a girl from Hosa Anagalli village in the taluk and the wedding was to take place at Venkateshwara Mahal in Kollegal.

Yesterday night, Raveesh, along with his family members were on their way to the wedding hall from their village in a car. While they were proceeding near MGSV College Road, miscreants, who had been following the car, overtook the vehicle and waylaid it.

The miscreants, who came near the car, told Raveesh that he should be going to the crematorium and not the wedding hall and suddenly assaulted Raveesh with a knife and fled from the spot. Raveesh suffered severe bleeding due to the injury on his left arm.

Raveesh has been admitted to Kollegal Government Hospital and he is said to be out of danger.

It is suspected that the former boyfriend of the bride may have committed the crime and Kollegal Police, who have registered a case, have launched a hunt to nab the accused.

Speaking to media persons, Raveesh said that he was engaged with the girl from Hosa Anagalli six months ago and as the marriage was to take place on Jan. 30, he was on his way to the Kalyana Mantap, when the miscreants, who were following in another car suddenly attacked and assaulted him with a knife. He stated that he did not know the identity of those who attacked him.

Kollegal Police, who have obtained the details of the attack from Raveesh, have initiated further action.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (KS)- In separate cases, Mysuru Railway Police have found bodies of three unidentified persons in their jurisdiction and have registered cases besides shifting the bodies to MMC&RI mortuary.

On Jan. 23, the Railway Cops found a body of a man aged between 35 and 40 years, who was run over by a moving train between Mysuru City and MNGT Railway Stations.

The deceased is 5.2 ft. tall, well built, light brown complexioned, round faced and was wearing a cream coloured T-shirt, light blue jeans pant and a belt.

On the same day, a body of a youth aged between 20 and 25 years, who was run over by a train was found between MNGT and Naganahalli Railway Stations.

The deceased is 5 ft. tall, well built, dark complexioned and round faced.

On Jan. 24, another body of a man aged between 65 and 70 years was found at the end of Ashokapuram Railway Station on Platform No. 1.

The deceased is 5.2 ft. tall, thin built, light brown complexioned, oval faced, partially bald, sports a beard and moustache and was wearing a white coloured full arm shirt, brown jerkin and black pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased persons, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release.

Man falls to death while removing cut-outs; contractor absconding

Nanjangud, Jan. 30 (KS)- A man, who was removing a huge cut-out of Suttur Jathra Mahotsava, slipped and fell to his death on Jan. 21.

The deceased has been identified as Ravikumar (37), a resident of Kyathamaranahalli in Mysuru. On Jan. 21, Ravikumar was removing a huge cut-out of Suttur Jathra Mahotsava, when he slipped, fell down and sustained serious injuries. He was immediately rushed to a private hospital in Mysuru.

Meanwhile, the person, who had taken the contract to install and remove cut-outs and hoardings, has allegedly gone missing soon after the incident.

This resulted in Ravikumar not getting adequate treatment and succumbed to injuries, alleged deceased Ravikumar's wife Vedavathi, who has lodged a complaint in this regard.

Vedavathi has further stated in the complaint that her husband was taken to remove cut-outs and hoardings in the night. When Ravikumar slipped and fell down, no one came for his help, she alleged.

Biligere Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

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Something SMELLY...

Stench from house alerts 'Mane Mane Police' team; leads to chemical seizure on Mysuru outskirts

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (RK&BCT)- Has the drug manufacturing network extended from Mysuru city limits to its outskirts or rural hinterland? This question is now troubling the Police.

A day after the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) raided a chemical manufacturing unit in the Hebbal Industrial Area and arrested a person in connection with alleged drug manufacturing, the Mysuru District Police raided a three-storeyed house in a residential locality at Yandahalli late last night.

The raid followed a tip-off from the 'Mane Mane Police' team, which regularly visits houses within its jurisdiction to build public confidence in the Police. During one such visit, the team detected a strong, pungent smell emanating from a three-storeyed house at Yandahalli, near Alanahalli.

The three-storeyed house in a residential locality at Yandahalli.

10 barrels of chemicals seized

The house, located in a residential area developed by the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), stands isolated with no neighbouring buildings. Local residents also complained of a foul smell. Acting swiftly, the Police prised open a window from where the odour was most intense, forcing personnel to cover their noses.

Late last night, a Police team led by Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi, along with Additional Superintendents of Police Nagesh and C. Mallik, conducted a raid on the premises. The team recovered more than 10 barrels containing chemicals, powders, synthetic substances and other materials.

Retired ASI's house

The house was constructed by late Lingaiah, a retired Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police. His son, a KSRTC bus conductor, had rented out the premises. While the first and second floors are residential units now advertised for rent, the ground floor has a godown-like structure.

The ground floor had been rented out three months ago to one Bhagan Lal from Rajasthan, for manufacturing phenyl. However, he had locked the premises and his whereabouts are currently unknown, even to the house owner.

FSL analysis

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, SP Mallikarjun-Baladandi said samples of the chemicals, powders and synthetic materials had been sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) for analysis.

"Action will be initiated against all those involved in any illegal activity once the FSL report is received. Though house owner claims ignorance about what was being manufactured on the premises, action will also be taken against him, as he is responsible for activities carried out there. He cannot feign ignorance," the SP said.

Inspector Shekhar of Mysuru South Police is supervising investigation, with district dog squad and fingerprint experts also involved.

Police personnel have been deployed outside seized house as a precautionary measure.

VOICE OF THE READER

Toxic fumes, foul smell engulfing Srirampura

Sir,

I am a resident of KBL Century Phase 1, near Lingambudhi Palya in Srirampura Second Stage, Mysuru. For over three years since building our home here, our peaceful evenings have become suffocating due to a pervasive foul smell that blankets our area and spreads across at least 3-4 km, affecting adjacent neighbourhoods like Dwarakanagar and nearby layouts.

This stench — reminiscent of a garbage dump, laced with toxic fumes — has plagued us for over a year. Every evening after 7 pm, it wafts through the air, causing severe health issues such as respiratory irritation, headaches, nausea and breathing difficulties. It feels like living inside a landfill, hitting elderly family members hardest as they struggle to breathe comfortably.

Residents suspect sources like toxic gas releases, evening garbage dumping or drainage overflows, but no clear answer has emerged despite our efforts.

I urge the Mysuru City Corporation, Pollution Control Board and elected representatives to identify the root cause and take swift remedial action.

—C.R. Sachin

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Sarvodaya Day observed

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (GA&DM)- 'Sarvodaya Day,' marking the 78th death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was observed at a programme organised under the joint aegis of University of Mysore's (UoM) Gandhian Studies Centre, Vidyavardhaka First Grade College and the NSS unit of UoM, at Gandhi Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus here this morning.

US-based Medical professional Dr. Amar Kumar inaugurated the programme.

Delivering a special lecture on the topic 'The Humanity propagated by Gandhiji,' Dr. Amar Kumar said Sarvodaya Day serves as a day for national reflection on the sacrifices of Mahatma Gandhiji and others for India's freedom and unity.

"Gandhiji believed that the country is bigger than the Government. He deeply understood the country and it's history and launched non-violence movement for attaining freedom at a time when world was engaged in wars," Amar Kumar said adding that Mahatma Gandhi always advocated necessity for being honest, humble and simple.

Vasantha, President of 'Dhwani' Mahila Okkuta, Mysuru, was felicitated on the occasion. Earlier, students of University Fine Arts College rendered Gandhi bhajans.

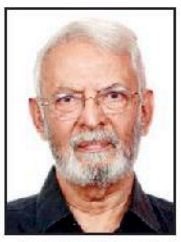
UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath presided.

UoM Registrar M.K. Savitha, Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. N. Nagaraj, Gandhian Studies Centre Director Prof. S. Narendra Kumar, Prof. Aravind and others were present.

Sale of meat is banned in MCC limits today in honour of the day.

Talk on 'A Demography Without Dividend' at Mysore Open Forum

Mysuru, Jan. 30- Mysore Open Forum has organised a talk on the topic *'A Demography Without Dividend — When the brain fails before the bell rings'* by Ashvini Ranjan, Founder Trustee of Pratham Mysore at 10.30 am on Feb. 1 (Sunday) at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Mysuru.



Ashvini Ranjan

A graduate from the University of Mysore with degrees in Political Science and Law, Ashvini Ranjan began his professional journey as a teacher in Political Science at Mysore University. He later transitioned into business.

With his experience as an industrialist, he felt the importance of good basic education and skills among workers as essential for the success of any enterprise.

In 2002, alongside his wife Shashi, he founded Pratham Mysore, an NGO dedicated to educating children in slums and rural villages. Since its inception, Pratham Mysore has become active in 1,200 villages, serving the educational needs of over 200,000 children.

Based on his experiences at Pratham and working with children, he will speak on why rural children in Karnataka fall behind in studies and lack necessary skills to succeed in later life.

The talk is open to all.

For more details contact Mysore Open Forum on Mob: 94498-19536, according to a press release.

Hit-and-run case at Sampaje

Mysurean arrested for auto driver's death

Madikeri Rural Police swing into action, intercept the car at Katakeri village

Sundar

Madikeri, Jan. 30 (RK&KS)- Madikeri Rural Police have arrested a man from Mysuru in a hit-and-run case. The accused who was driving a car had allegedly hit an autorickshaw from behind resulting in the death of the auto driver yesterday.

The accident occurred in front of the house of one Hariprasad near Sampaje Gate at about 4.30 pm and the incident has been recorded on a CCTV camera.

The deceased auto driver has been identified as Sundar Chittakkana (56), who had served as a member and Vice-President of Sampaje Gram Panchayat. The accused has been identified as Rahul, a resident of Gokulam in Mysuru.

Sundar leaves behind his wife, son Deviprasad, a soldier serving in the Indian Army and two daughters.

Accused Rahul with the car.

Yesterday, Sundar was driving his auto from Sampaje Gate towards Chedavu along with passengers Padmavathi and her daughter Anitha (Gram Panchayat member), when a speeding KIA Seltos car (KA-09-MG-3700) reportedly driven by Rahul, which was proceeding from Mangaluru towards Madikeri rammed into the auto from behind.

Due to the impact, the auto toppled, throwing Sundar out of the vehicle and a tipper vehicle which came in the opposite direction ran over Sundar killing him on the spot. Padmavathi and Anitha too sustained injuries and have been admitted to a hospital in Sullia. After hitting the auto, Rahul did not stop the car and sped away towards Madikeri side.

Rahul

Madikeri Rural Police Inspector Chandrashekar and staff, who swung into action, succeeded in intercepting the car at Katakeri village within minutes and arrested Rahul besides seizing the car.

It is suspected that Rahul was looking at the Google Map while driving, which resulted in the accident.

Accused Rahul was produced before a Court this morning, which remanded him to judicial custody.

DC nod must for hiring child actors

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (BS)- The District Administration has made it mandatory for producers and organisers of audio and visual media, to obtain prior permission from the Deputy Commissioner (DC), before engaging children as actors or artistes in films, television serials and other audio-visual commercial programmes.

According to a press release issued by the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mysuru, under the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 and Amendment Act, 2016, any child who is willing to work as a child artiste, in compliance with Section 3 of the afore mentioned Act, should compulsorily obtain the permission of the Deputy Commissioner.

While the law completely prohibits the employment of children below 14 years of age in all hazardous occupations and activities, except for limited activities as artistes, provided such work does not adversely affect the child's right to education and is undertaken only with the approval of the Deputy Commissioner.

If the children are involved in hazardous activities, the employers will have to serve imprisonment for a minimum of six months and a maximum of two years, with a fine amount ranging from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000. Repeated offence will attract 1 year to 3-year jail term.

The producers of audio and visual media and commercial programmes, willing to engage a child in the events, should seek prior permission from the DC of the respective place and submit an undertaking to the DC under Form C. The list of children and the consent letters of parents should also be submitted.

The decision has been taken in the interest of children's academic life. The engaging of children in acting, without the approval of DC will be a clear violation of law. The film or serial organisers, producers will be liable for legal action, Assistant Labour Commissioner has warned.

Barrier-free toll from June

(Continued from page 1)

IHMCL initiative

Wabale said the project is an initiative of the Indian Highway Management Company Limited. The MLFF system will be installed ahead of the existing toll plazas, enabling automatic deduction of toll charges from FASTag accounts without vehicles passing through toll booths. The system has demonstrated an efficiency rate of 95 percent, he added.

"As part of the project, new FASTag readers, high-definition vehicle registration number speed readers, ANPR cameras and GPS-based tracking devices will be installed on overhead gantries. All these devices will work in coordination, transmitting signals to the back-end systems for toll deduction," he explained.

Each lane will be equipped with two ANPR cameras, two high-definition speed readers and GPS trackers. Once installation is completed at the three toll plazas, trial runs will begin, while the existing toll booths will remain operational for some time.

"Based on system accuracy, user compliance and enforcement requirements, the MLFF system will eventually be implemented fully, paving the way for the phased removal of physical toll booths," Wabale said. He also clarified that there will be no fresh changes in the toll rates for the new system.

Police intensify checks on factories at Hebbal

In the wake of the raid by NCB sleuths on a factory in Hebbal Industrial Area on Wednesday for suspected drugs manufacturing and City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar asking factory owners to be alert, Vijayanagar Sub-Division ACP P. Raviprasad, Hebbal Police Inspector Lakshmikanth and city dog squad personnel visited a factory on inspection this morning.

IOB employees' nationwide strike on Feb. 2 and 3

Mysuru, Jan. 30- Seeking fulfilment of its various demands, the All India Overseas Bank Employees Union (AIOBEU), affiliated to National Confederation of Bank Employees(NCBE), has called for a 2-day nationwide strike of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) employees on Feb. 2 and 3.

The demands include putting an end to unilateral and uncontrolled QR code based individual assessment system and filling up of a high number of clerical posts that have remained vacant for long.

They are also seeking jobs for family members of deceased employees on compassionate grounds, among others. For details, contact Mob: 94450-92969, according to a press release.

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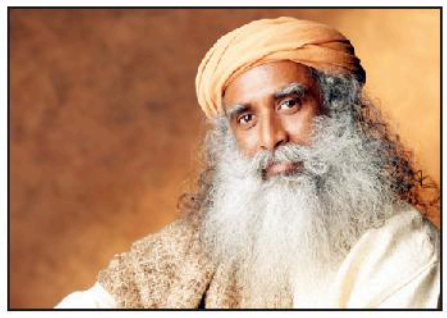


Love is all about you

Sadhguru on the mechanics of an intoxicating emotion

There is a lot of emotion attached to the subject of love and lots of fanciful things have been said about it, but I would like to bring it down to the mechanics of love. For example, people are saying, "God loves you," but does anybody really know whether God loves or not? Love is a human emotion. Human beings are capable of love when they are willing. But unfortunately, we want to export everything that is beautiful in our life to heaven and live wantonly on this planet. Love, joy, blissfulness — all these are human possibilities. So let us not talk about divine love; let us talk about human love.

Generally, when hormones hijack your intelligence, people think they have fallen in love — that is one aspect. When you say "me," "myself," what is it that you are referring to? One thing is your physical body, another thing is your mind — the way you think, yet another thing is your emotion — the way you feel and the energy which drives the other three things. This is what you are calling as "me." When this "me" feels pleasant on different levels, we call it by different names. If your emotions become very pleasant, we call it love.

Love is just one aspect of life. We have given so much importance to it simply because for a long time, in most people emotion has been the strongest part. Even today, though people consider themselves intellectual, still emotion is the strongest part in most of them — not their intellect, their body or their energy. So, making that pleasant is very important. Otherwise, it will find unpleasant expressions. If you are feeling very pleasant, suddenly you become like a flower. When somebody is in love, if you look at their faces, suddenly they look like a flower because they are feeling so pleasant within themselves.

Whoever you are in love with, they may not even be aware of it — it does not matter. You are in love, that's all that matters. It is your emotion. It is the way you are.

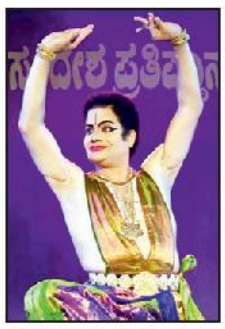
Love is not something that you do. Love is something that you are. So, either you can use somebody as a support to make yourself loving, or you can simply become loving. After all, it is not somebody else's quality, it is your quality. You are using the other person as a key to open this up. But you can also open it up from inside without the help of the other person. Then it is definitely more enduring because when you open it with the other person's help — nobody on this planet is 100% reliable.

If you are trying to extract joy, love and pleasantness out of somebody, this is going to be disastrous for both the people. I am not saying it is better to live alone. I am saying the way you are should be determined by you. If this is so and you are here to share your love with people, if you are feeling wonderful and you want to share this with somebody, then it will be very beautiful.

[Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, a yogi, is a visionary, humanitarian and a prominent spiritual leader. An author, poet and internationally-renowned speaker, Sadhguru's wit and piercing logic provoke and widen our perception of life. www.ishafoundation.org]

Nruthyopasana

Two-day Bharatanatyam Fest



Vid. Sandesh Bhargav

Vid. R. Pavan Kumar

Mysuru, Jan. 30- Kala Sandesha Prathishtana has organised 'Nruthyopasana 2026,' a two-day Bharatanatyam Festival at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike in Kuvempunagar, on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at 6 pm.

Jan. 31: The inaugural ceremony will be attended by Savitha Ramesh, Chairperson, Kaynes Technology. The evening will feature a solo Bharatanatyam dance-drama titled 'Moulyanidhi Bheemasena,' choreographed by Guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and performed by **Vid. Sandesh Bhargav**. It promises an intense exploration of classical story-telling, marked by powerful abhinaya and deep-rooted Indian ethos.

Feb. 1: A solo Bharatanatyam performance by **Vid. R. Pavan Kumar**, a promising young artiste acclaimed for his technical finesse and expressive depth.

This will be followed by a grand Bharatanatyam dance-drama 'Saptha Nadi Namana,' choreographed by Vid. Sandesh Bhargav and Anusha Varun, and performed by his disciples along with the students of Anusha Varun, Sindhu Niranjan and M.T. Vasundhara. It brings alive the spiritual and cultural essence of India's sacred rivers — Ganga, Yamuna, Godavari, Saraswati, Narmada, Sindhu, and Kaveri — through evocative choreography and rhythmic brilliance.

Both 'Moulyanidhi Bheemasena' and 'Saptha Nadi Namana' are conceptualised and scripted by Dr. Jyothi Shankar.

The production will be presented by a distinguished ensemble of Bharatanatyam artistes — Anusha Varun, Sindhu Niranjan, Akshatha Pramod, Shilpa Kantharaju, Vasundhara, Dr. Gunasheela Harsha, Lavanya Nagesh, Dr. Poornima Yathiraj, Dr. Prarthana, Vandana, Harshini Iyer, Shravya, Nithyashree, T.C. Bhoomika and Richa Dev.

Glow by Kirtilals

new Showroom in Mysuru

Mysuru, Jan. 30- 'Glow by Kirtilals,' the renowned diamond jewellery brand, is celebrating a significant milestone with the grand opening of its 9th showroom on D. Devaraj Urs Road in Mysuru.

This marks a major step in the brand's ongoing expansion and dedication to offering high-quality, natural diamond jewellery to a growing base of customers, especially Gen Z.

The new showroom showcases an elegant collection of lightweight natural diamond jewellery, with prices starting as low as Rs. 7,000. Designed with younger customers in mind, the pieces offer a perfect blend of contemporary design and timeless elegance.

Each piece of jewellery is created at the brand's state-of-the-art in-house manufacturing facility. With latest technology and skilled artisans at work, every diamond is guaranteed to radiate exceptional brilliance while maintaining highest standards of quality and durability.

To celebrate the launch, Glow by Kirtilals is offering an exclusive inaugural promotion: 20% off on making charges, 26% off on diamonds and a chance to win a luxurious couple's getaway to Phuket.

Kirtilals Vice-President R. Muthukumar seen with Franchise Partner Bhavana and her daughter Neethi during the launch of new showroom of 'Glow by Kirtilals' at 146, D. Devaraj Urs Road, Mysuru, recently.

Suraj Shantakumar, Director of Business Strategy at Kirtilals, said: "We are thrilled to bring Glow by Kirtilals to Mysuru, a city with a rich tradition of fine jewellery. Our aim is to offer young customers jewellery that speaks to their individuality and aspirations, without compromising on quality."

Chemical factory owner taken into NCB custody

Transit warrant obtained from Court to take him outside Karnataka

The team of Delhi Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) officials was seen whisking away Ganpath Lal in a jeep from the premises of new Court complex in Jayanagar, Mysuru yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (PM&BCT)- In connection with the raid on a chemical factory in Hebbal Industrial Area, sleuths of the Delhi Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) took the factory owner, Ganpath Lal, into custody.

After being subjected to sustained interrogation, he was produced before a Mysuru Court yesterday and remanded for further questioning.

Around 1 pm yesterday, Ganpath Lal, who operates the factory, was taken to K.R. Hospital for a medical examination. He was later produced before the 5th JMFC Court at new Court Jayanagar in the evening.

As the NCB sought to take him outside Karnataka for further investigation, a transit warrant was obtained and he was taken back into custody.

Debate over seizure

The chemicals seized from the factory were stored in a room and the premises were sealed. Mysuru City Police clarified that no drugs or narcotic substances were recovered during the raid, although the factory owner was arrested. This has triggered debate over the continuation of an intensive investigation despite no contraband being found.

On Wednesday, NCB officials from Ahmedabad raided Ganpath Lal's 'Tuk-Tuk Household Chemicals Production Solution Manufacturing" Unit in Hebbal and examined raw chemical materials stored on the premises. The team also conducted a search of his residence. During inspection, NCB officials verified the quantity of chemicals stored and collected samples of chemicals, medicines and other materials found at the factory.

These samples are to be sent to a laboratory for detailed analysis. The raid is linked to a drugs case registered in Ahmedabad, in which an accused, Manohar Bishnoi, was arrested. Bishnoi had reportedly worked at Lal's chemicals factory and was said to be Lal's close relative.

Sources revealed that Ganpath Lal had rented the building last February to set up the chemicals unit, but full-scale operations were yet to commence, raising suspicions.

Reports also suggest that narcotic substances were allegedly being manufactured at the Hebbal factory and supplied outside the State, prompting the NCB action.

NCB raid is a follow-up case: Home Minister

Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar speaking to media this morning.

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (BLU&DM)- Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar said that the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) raid on a chemical factory in Hebbal Industrial Area was a follow-up to a drug seizure in another State and asserted that no narcotics manufacturing materials were found in Mysuru.

Speaking to presspersons this morning, Dr. Parameshwar said the NCB had conducted the raid at a phenol manufacturing unit and clarified that no drug-related substances were recovered.

He said some relatives of an accused arrested in a drug case outside the State were residing in Mysuru, following which NCB officials conducted inquiries. However, he claimed that no one was taken into custody from the city, though the NCB sleuths took factory owner Ganpath Lal into their custody.

Responding to reports that Energy Minister K.J. George had offered to quit the Cabinet over alleged interference by the Chief Minister's son, Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, in departmental transfers, Dr. Parameshwar dismissed the claims as baseless.

He said Minister George had already clarified during the ongoing Assembly session that he never intended to resign and described the reports as rumours fuelled by gossip.

Replying to a query on the case in which slogans hailing Pakistan ("Pakistan Zindabad") were allegedly raised publicly in Bengaluru, the Home Minister said the matter was now before the Court.

Dr. Parameshwar was in Mysuru to perform *guddali puja* for the construction of a residential building *42 Kalidasa*, developed by Global Tech Park and Sankalp.

Maharashtra Police forced to act in CM's home turf: BJP MLA

Mysuru losing cultural destination image due to drug menace: MP Yaduveer

Sunil Kumar

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Jan. 30 (PM&BCT)- At the ongoing Legislative session, BJP MLA Sunil Kumar expressed concern that the law and order situation in Karnataka had deteriorated to such an extent that Police from Maharashtra were forced to come to Mysuru — the Chief Minister's home district — to uncover a drugs manufacturing unit in July 2025.

He pointed out that even in Bengaluru, drug rackets were being busted only with the intervention of the Police from other States, a fact that the Chief Minister himself had acknowledged.

Referring to CM's meeting with Police officials, Sunil Kumar said Siddaramaiah had questioned them on their failure to detect drug rackets and had remarked that no crime could take place without Police being aware of it. Criticising the Government, Sunil Kumar said that Karnataka, once known as an IT hub, was now being branded a "Drugs Park."

He accused the Government of allowing law and order to deteriorate, misusing Police machinery and enforcing "one law for public and another for those in power," launching a sharp attack on the administration's failures.

Matter of serious concern

Mysuru, once renowned for its culture and tradition, is now gaining notoriety under the Congress Government due to repeated narcotics investigations, said BJP MP Yaduveer Wadiyar.

Yaduveer

He said that based on information provided by an arrested accused, NCB carried out raids in Mysuru. Although no banned substances were recovered, he said the very occurrence of such raids in Mysuru was a matter of serious concern.

According to Yaduveer, investigations into drug networks have repeatedly pointed towards Mysuru, tarnishing the city's image.

A city celebrated for its heritage and culture, he said, is now being discredited under the Congress administration due to narcotics probes.

Leave for cops on birthdays, wedding anniversaries

DG & IGP Dr. Saleem takes cop-friendly decision

Dr. Saleem

Mysuru, Jan. 30 (RK&BS)- Henceforth Policemen irrespective of cadre can spend some quality time with their near and dear ones on their birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

DG and IGP Dr. M.A. Saleem has issued a circular to all the Police Commissioners, Superintendents of Police (SPs) and unit heads of Police in the State yesterday, to sanction leave for Police personnel to celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries.

Dr. Saleem has opined that it is important to celebrate personal moments, especially for the Police who work hard amid critical conditions, to maintain law and order in the interest of public. By obtaining leave, the Police personnel can feel rejuvenated and spend quality time with their family members, to maintain work life balance. Their confidence level will increase and the stress will reduce, he observed.

Such human friendly initiatives will not just help in recognising their sacrifices, but also boost their sincerity in work. The capability of Police force will strengthen further and builds better discipline and capacity in service, Dr. Saleem added.

WORD OF THE DAY

Bombast

Pronunciation: BAHM-bast (noun)
Meaning: Bombast is a formal word that refers to speech or writing that is meant to sound important or impressive but that is not sincere or meaningful.
Origin: Bombast settled softly into English in the mid-late 16th century as a textile term used to refer to cotton or other soft fibrous material used as padding or stuffing (its ultimate source is likely the Middle Persian noun pambak, meaning "cotton"), but within a decade it had extended from literal stuffing to figurative stuffing, referring to speech or writing that is padded with pretentious verbiage. The adjective bombastic, which followed bombast a century later, has been a favourite choice to describe blowhards, boasters, and cockalorums ever since.
Example: "This is bombast that has not been thought through from a policy perspective. I know that many in space community find this to be exciting and want to believe the hype behind such an announcement. Mars is exciting. However ... I think we have to ask ourselves whether getting to Mars is worth moral costs in addition to the economic costs and potential risks to human lives." — P. J. Blount, quoted in Newsweek, 28 Jan. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Xanthippe

Ill-tempered woman.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The last straw

Meaning: Also known as 'The final straw,' the phrase 'The last straw' is used to describe the last of a series of undesirable or unpleasant events that makes you come to the realisation that you can no longer accept a situation that has been worsening for a while. You can use the phrase 'The last straw' when something is deemed to be the last in a line of unacceptable occurrences.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'The last straw' can be found in the old English proverb, "it is the last straw that breaks the camel's back." It was first seen around 1755 and many different forms of the statement were used between then and about 1836, with the suffering animal occasionally described as a horse or an elephant rather than as a camel.
Example: "She has been unhappy with him for a long time but when he crashed her car, it was the last straw."

QUOTE BOX

Man is a creature who lives not upon bread alone, but primarily by catchwords. **—Robert Louis Stevenson**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Travel overseas or overseas travel.

SUDOKU

						5	3	
	6		4				7	
3		2	7				8	
1		6			5			
			3		2			
			6			4		8
	5				4	2		3
	8				9		5	
	3	7						

Answer to previous puzzle

2	6	4	8	7	5	1	9	3
5	1	9	2	3	4	8	6	7
7	3	8	6	1	9	5	4	2
8	5	3	4	9	2	7	1	6
9	4	7	3	6	1	2	5	8
1	2	6	5	8	7	4	3	9
6	9	1	7	5	8	3	2	4
4	8	5	9	2	3	6	7	1
3	7	2	1	4	6	9	8	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 160 in Roman numerals
4 Inland area of water
8 Use a shovel
11 Way to address your headmaster
12 Unaccompanied
14 Radio Direction Indicator, acronym
15 Arab sleeveless garment
16 Rapid surprise attacks
17 Electronic Library Sys.
18 Mark of servitude
20 System of rules
22 Fabric face covering
24 Cumulus, cirrus, etc
26 ___ up in a soup : find oneself in difficulties?
27 Rouse to vigilance
28 Stuffiness of air in room
29 Nice surprise
30 Chronic renal insufficiency, acronym
33 Child in Scotland
34 Twofold
35 Warm, hooded waterproof jacket
37 Spoken test
38 Tramp or loiterer
39 The orient
41 Hawaiian garland
42 Quavering or vibratory sound
45 Local fire or famous Hindi movie of days gone by?
48 Rough, cindery volcanic discharges
49 Meaning
50 Little devil
51 A poem intended to be sung
52 ___ out : makes last longer?
53 Long playing records, in short

DOWN

1 Jefferson Davis was its pres.
2 Library, abbr.
3 Radiographer's work (1-6)
4 Well known bird
5 Wings or winglike parts
6 Colourful carp
7 The ___ : the limit of endurability?
8 1995 Stallone title role, Judge ___
9 Lazes
10 US soldiers
13 Accompany
19 Ancient or aged
21 Bowled or stumped?
22 Very Low Frequency
23 Seine's contents
24 Record-keeper
25 Slender
27 A song from an opera
29 Cards used in fortune-telling?
30 Cut short
31 Regional Airline Assoc.
32 ___-bred : badly brought up?
33 Cropped hairstyle
34 Windows predecessor
35 In front or leading
36 Racket
39 Otherwise
40 Alcoholic drinks
41 Thai language - "Ola" anagram ?
43 Female ruff
44 Marking fluid
46 Stereo component
47 Navigational system in short

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

D	O	G	E	■	J	I	F	F	■	J	I	G
E	L	A	N	■	A	C	O	L	■	O	S	E
E	P	I	C	■	M	E	G	A	B	Y	T	E
P	E	A	R	L	■	■	S	K	I	S	■	■
■	■	■	Y	E	A	H	■	E	N	T	R	Y
H	O	S	P	I	T	A	L	■	■	I	O	U
E	D	I	T	■	O	D	A	■	O	C	T	A
M	E	N	■	■	M	I	S	T	A	K	E	N
S	A	G	A	N	■	T	H	O	R	■	■	■
■	■	S	T	O	A	■	■	O	S	I	E	R
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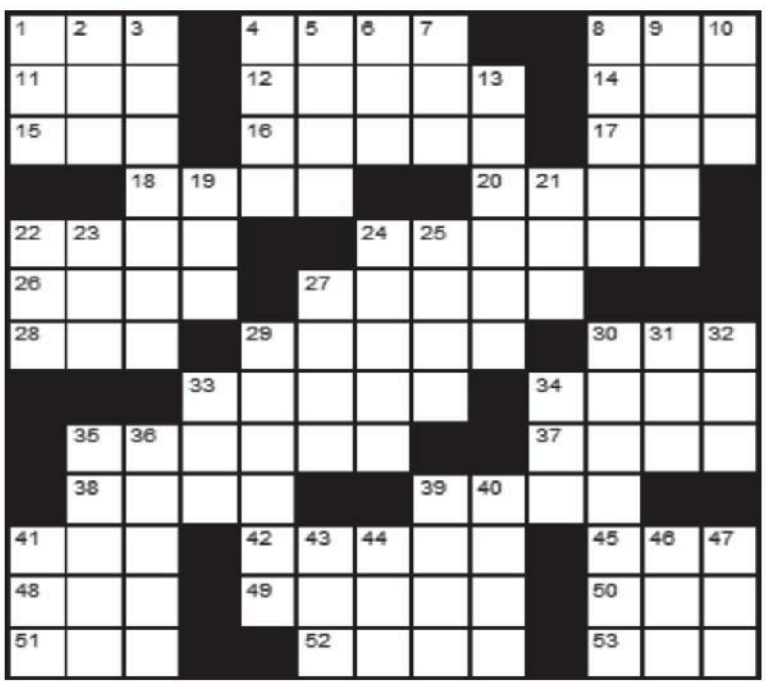

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ABR XAIWFNRXA DHF MF ABR VWIPK MX

BR VBW XAHFKX DWXA HPWFR.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS T

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: You can make more friends in two months by becoming more interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get people interested in you.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Cult (2026) (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Mankatha (Ta) - *4 Shows*
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Landlord (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  45 (K) - *4 Shows*
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Landlord (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Mavuta (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Raktha Kashmira (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Draupathi 2 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 98863-25207
  Border 2 (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Mardaani 3 (H)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Cult 2026 (K)	(S-1)	1 pm
Send Help (E-3D)	(S-1)	4.30 pm; (S-2) 9.55 pm
Valavaara (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Mavuta (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Gandhi Talks (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm, 7.05 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	(S-3)	10.35 am
Seat Edge (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Sri Jagannatha Dasaru Part 2 (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Chowkidar (K)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Valathu Vashathe Kallan (Ma)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Landlord (K)	(S-4)	12.30 pm, 3.35 pm
Border 2 (H)	(S-4)	6.40 pm, 10.30 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Raktha Kashmira (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 6.50 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Border 2 (H)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-3)	9.15 pm
Cult (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 6.10 pm
Landlord (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Mardaani 3 (H)	:	9.05 am, 1.05 pm, 3.45 pm 7.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	9.10 am, 11.50 am, 3.50 pm 6.05 pm 10.30 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	9.10 am, 6.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.05 am
Send Help (E-3D)	:	10.45 am, 3.35 pm, 10 pm
Shelter (E)	:	11.25 am, 7.45 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	12.30 pm, 10.25 pm
Mayasabha - The Hall of Illusion (H)	:	1.15 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	1.50 pm
Valavaara (K)	:	2.10 pm
Landlord (K)	:	3.50 pm, 7.05 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	:	4.40 pm
Gandhi Talks (Silent)	:	5 pm
Valathu Vasathe Kallan (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
Marty Supreme (E)	:	10.10 pm
Chatha Pacha: The ring of Rowdies (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Border 2 (H)	:	9.25 am, 12.50 pm 3.50 pm 10.30 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	9.45 am, 3.35 pm, 6.55 pm
Send Help (E-2D)	:	9.50 am
Send Help (E-3D)	:	7.30 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	10.05 am, 1.05 pm, 4.45, 7.45 pm 10 pm
Landlord (K)	:	12.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	12.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Chowkidar (K)	:	4.10 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	7.10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 30)

- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India, expo-cum-sale of exquisite handloom sarees, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Rotary International District (RID) 3181:** Inauguration of 10th District Conference — 'Sneha Sourabha' — Silent Shores Resort, **4.30 pm.**
- **Priyadarshan Samskrutika Vedike, Srirangapatna, Mandya:** Ramayana Discourse Series by Vid. G.N. Bhatta, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapati Temple, Ganapati Temple Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple, Vishweshwaranagar:** 60th Annual Taipusam Mahotsava 2026, Srivalli Devasena Sametha Sri Subramanyaswamy Kalyanotsava, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 31)

- **MYRA School of Business:** Jan AI Summit, Mysuru (Official India AI Pre Summit Event), Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar chief guest, STPI Bengaluru Jurisdictional Director Dr. Sanjay Tyagi guest of honour, Cyberverse Foundation Director M.L. Kantharaj Urs presides, Vigyan Labs Founder-CEO Srinivas Varadarajan will be present, Head Held High Foundation Managing Trustee Madan Padaki special invitee, MYRA School of Business, **9.30 am.**
- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India-2026, a grand display and sale of exquisite silk, cotton and handloom sarees, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, Vinobha Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled (JSS PDA), Mysuru, Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Bengaluru and The Association of People with Disability (APD), Bengaluru:** Valedictory of 2-day State-level Science Expo and Open Day, Dr. K.G. Basava Kumar, Joint Director, Technical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, chief guest, Lion S. Murthy, Chairman, Deaf Association, Mysuru and Vice-President, Karnataka State Chess Association, guest of honour, B. Elangovan, Principal, JSS PDA, Mysuru, presides, JSS PDA premises, **4 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-917, story-telling by N.G. Chandrakala, Student Counsellor and Cue Maths Teacher, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115]
- **Department of CSE-Cyber Security and Department of Computer Applications, ATME College of Engineering (ATMECE) and Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru:** Public Awareness Programme on 'Cyber Frauds,' Agamya Cyber Tech Founder-CEO&CO Akshay Nagaraj Naik resource person, IEI Mysuru Chairman H.S. Suresh Babu presides, ATMECE Hon. Chairman L. Arun Kumar chief patron, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, JLB Road, **5 pm to 7 pm.**
- **HH Sri Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar (HHSNW) Foundation:** 4th volume of the book series titled 'Raja Ravi Varma: An Everlasting Imprint - The Epics Imagined,' authored by Ganesh V. Shivaswamy; Vocal concert by Vidu. Smruthi Bhaskar, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. Vinay Nagarajan on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Chandrashale Thotti Sabhangana, Mysore Palace premises, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rajarajeshwari Nilaya, K.R. Mohalla:** Sri Yellamma Thayi Ammanavara 22nd Puja Mahotsava, bringing of Kalasha from Sri Male Mahadeshwara Swamy Temple to Sri Ammanavara Sri Rajarajeshwari Nilaya, K.R. Mohalla, **6 pm.**
- **Kala Sandesha Prathishtana:** Inauguration of 'Nruthyopasana 2026,' a two-day Bharatanatyam Festival, Savitha Ramesh, Chairperson, Kaynes Technology, will take part, solo Bharatanatyam dance-drama titled 'Moulyanidhi Bheemasena' by Vid. Sandesh Bhargav, choreographed by Guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Priyadarshan Samskrutika Vedike, Srirangapatna, Mandya:** Ramayana Discourse Series by Vid. G.N. Bhatta, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.** [Mob: 90193-76365]
- **Sanchalana Mysuru, Mysuru:** Sanchalana Decennial Celebrations, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLAs G.T. Devegowda & K. Harishgowda, former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan & DC G. Lakshmikanth will be present, Deepak Mysore of Sanchalana Mysuru delivers keynote address; Flute recital by Sachchidananda Acharya, Kamsale, Veeragase, Kolata and Marikunita by students of Shaktidhama Vidyashala, staging of play 'Kempu Hu' by students of Shaktidhama Vidyashala, directed by Deepak Mysore, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapati Temple, Ganapati Temple Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple, Vishweshwaranagar:** 60th Annual Taipusam Mahotsava 2026, Bhajan programme by Bhajana Mandali of Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple; Classical music programme by M.V. Anitha and H.B. Roopashree, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Indian Institute of Educational Theatre:** Staging of English play 'Two Fathers' by Kalasuruchi, Mysuru, script by Sundar Sarukkai, direction by Badarinarayan, Indian Institute of Educational Theatre, Hardwicke School premises, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Border 2 (H)	:	9 am, 3.40 pm 6.35 pm, 10.20 pm
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Mardaani 3 (H)	:	9.45 am, 12.55 pm, 3.55 pm 7.35 pm, 10 pm
Send Help (E)	:	10.05 am, 4.05 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	12.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	12.55 pm
Landlord (K)	:	3.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Sri Jagannatha Dasaru: Part 2 (K)	:	7.10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	10.10 am, 4.40 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	10.15 am, 6.55 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	10.25 am, 1.40 pm, 5.05 pm 7.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Mavuta (K)	:	10.50 am
Border 2 (H)	:	1.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Send Help (E-3D)	:	1.30 pm, 7.50 pm
Seat Edge (K)	:	1.45 pm
Valathu Vasathe Kallan (Ma)	:	4 pm
Chowkidar (K)	:	4.25 pm
Vikalpa (K)	:	8 pm
Chatha Pacha: The Ring of Rowdies (Ma)	:	10 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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